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Wilson Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Twelve Mile Creek in the Town of Wilson, Niagara County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1945 and 1968
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Authorized depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet within the Tuscarora Bay
- The channel is approximately 4,900 feet long, 80 feet wide, and suitably widened at bends
- The harbor is protected by parallel east and west piers with a total length of 1,331 feet
- Major stakeholders include Town of Wilson, charter fishing interests, private marinas and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor typically requires dredging every three to five years. It was last dredged in 2000 when 5,100 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 55,000 CY
- Maintenance dredging is the primary critical requirement



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge
- Supports 9 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$73,000 in net income annually

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, 2013 and 2014
Wilson Harbor, New York - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget	FY14 Requirement	FY14 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary	910		910		910	
TOTALS	910	0	910	0	910	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY